



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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BMV ABANDONED VEHICLES ACCOUNTS

Indiana Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, Auditors Mike Hoose and Patti Serbus, BMV Investigator Todd Caldwell, and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer, reports as follows:

This case deals with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The main issues included bank accounts that were maintained without permission of the Treasurer of the State and inadequate controls on the processing of abandoned vehicles.

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Director of Field Investigations and Special Agent Darrell Boehmer led the investigation, and the State Board of Accounts under the direction of State Agency Supervisor Mike Hoose and auditors Patti Serbus and Todd Caldwell undertook a vital role.

Within the BMV is a Dealer and Special Sales Branch. Two of the functions of this branch are the processing of abandoned vehicles and dealer operations. Our investigation revealed several violations of Indiana law at this branch. These are outlined in the State Board of Accounts report issued on October 11, 2005.

This report reviews the status of the funds previously held in the unauthorized accounts. Through documentation provided by BMV Chief Counsel and Director of Policy Maureen Weber, the OIG reports that the \$1.8 million has been returned to the state treasury.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2006.



David O. Thomas, Inspector General